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For

CLOSED-HEAT DECOMPOSING APPLICANT PRETREATMENT METHOD OF

SAMPLE USING IT, ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004.

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